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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Henry M. Hund, Jr. et al.)
For: Mechanism For Dumping A)
Refuse Container) Art Unit: 3652
Serial No.: 09/975,759) Examiner: Charles A. Fox
Filed: October 11, 2001)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

April 10, 2003

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 21, 2003. The Examiner has identified two inventions, namely Invention I, described in claims 1-17 which are drawn to a lifting arm assembly, and Invention II, described in claims 18-20 which are drawn to a refuse collection vehicle. The Office Action requires Applicants to make an election between the claims directed to these inventions for prosecution on the merits. In response to this Election/Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the claims directed to Invention I, namely claims 1-17, without traverse. Please cancel claims 18-20 from this application, without prejudice to Applicants' right to file a divisional or other continuing application which includes such claims.

By making this election, Applicant makes no admission with respect to the patentability of the non-elected claims or with respect to the scope of the elected claims that may be allowable.

An Amendment/Petition to delete a correctly named original inventor, namely Mark A. Keller, who is not an inventor of the invention now being claimed, is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b).

Respectfully submitted,



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